people without any distinction, it was the duty of Government to encourage those classes which were very backward in education.

With regard to the scheme of scholarships proposed by Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, he said that Government had all along been awarding scholarships of different kinds, especially to the Brahmin community from a very long time and no such scheme of loans was put forward then.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 131.

(1) Grant of backward community scholarships.

Messrs. M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore; and C. Naraharaiya, Nelamangala Taluk.

Mr M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia stated that the backward scholarships were not uniformly distributed. The children of the rich and well-to-do were benefitted more than the children of the poor and deserving. It was very desirable that only the poor and deserving should get them. Under the present system of distribution, many of the scholarships lapsed, since boys belonging to certain communities for which scholarships were allotted, could not be found. He suggested that arrangements might be made to have the lapsed scholarships distributed among other backward classes.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao remarked that most of the lapsed scholarships were distributed in Bangalore or Mysore. There were about four thousand Mahomedans in Chikmagalur in addition to a number of Korachars and Woddars, whose case never appealed to the authorities. It was very necessary tha these lapsed scholarships should be distributed among the most deserving people wherever they might remain.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer said that, at present, scholarships were being distributed on the basis of the population of each community. While boys were getting the scholarships, girls did not get them. He considered it necessary that the number of scholarships to some of the backward communities should be raised. For instance, the scholarships which were given to the Panchama community were not adequate.

The Inspector-General of Education explained that scholarships were granted in proportion to the total population of each community and no other rules could be adopted at present.

The Dewan replied that the matter would be referred to the Education Board and on receipt of their report, this question would be considered.

(2) Tenure of scholarships to backward communities.

Mr. M. Subbaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiah represented that the allotment that was made for awarding scholarships to backward communities was Rs. 1,00,000 and that this amount had been reduced to Rs. 85,000. Arrangements should be made not to reduce the amount of scholarships which the students were getting.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration.

(3) Raising of the allotment of funds for backward community scholarships.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiah, Lingayet, Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Mr. G. Paramasivaiah said that the Inspector-General of Education reported that the amount of money set apart for scholarships had been well utilised. The number of scholarship holders had increased while the amount allotted for the purpose was not raised. It was necessary to raise this sum to Rs. 2,00,000.

Dewan.—Noted.